

## Notice of Decision by the California Energy Commission

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From: California Energy Commission  
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**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Decision in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 and Title 20, California Code of Regulations, Section 1768

**Project Title:** ELK HILLS POWER PROJECT—APPROVAL OF PROJECT MODIFICATIONS

**Energy Commission Docket Number:** 99-AFC-1C

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**Project Location:** EHPP is a 500 megawatt natural gas-fired power plant currently under construction located within the Elk Hills Oil and Gas field, approximately 25 miles west of Bakersfield between the communities of Buttonwillow and Taft in Kern County.

**Project Description:** Post-certification project change to allow Elk Hills Power to (1) increase the startup and shutdown emission limits for nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, and volatile organic compounds on an annual, daily, and per event basis, with a corresponding change in the quantity of offsets to be surrendered to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution District, (2) modify the operation of the cooling tower to improve water use efficiency, which will result in a slight increase in particulate matter emissions, and (3) increase the power of the emergency fire water pump engine.

On July 23, 2003, the California Energy Commission approved the above-described project pursuant to a regulatory program certified by the California Secretary of Resources under Section 21080.5 of the California Public Resources Code.

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the project.
3. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for the project.

The Energy Commission's docket files containing the final Commission Decision and other information regarding the project are available to the public at: California Energy Commission, 1516 9th Street, Sacramento, California, 95814. The final Decision and other information regarding the project are also available on the Commission's web site--[www.energy.ca.gov](http://www.energy.ca.gov).

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July 25, 2003

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